

TOWN OF FREETOWN RECREATIONAL FACILITIES RULES & REGULATIONS



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1.01: Authority

The following rules and regulations are made under Article 14 of the Town of Freetown General and Zoning Bylaws governing Recreational Facilities.

1.02: Definitions

For the purpose of this rule the words and phrases used herein shall have the following meanings, except in those instances where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Board. The Board of Park Commissioners.

Parking. The stopping or standing of a vehicle whether occupied or not.

Recreational Facilities. "Recreational Facilities" shall include parks, greens, playgrounds, ball fields, and beaches together with the improved and enclosed land, buildings, beach area, and parking lots owned or controlled by the Town.

1.03: Temporary Closing

The Board, or its designee, can establish maximum limits as to the holding capacity of recreational Facilities. Admittance to certain facilities may be suspended temporarily and/or evacuation of a facility may be directed when these limits are reached, or exceeded, or when, at the discretion of the Board, or its designee, it is determined that further public use of the facility is hazardous due to weather, water, fire, construction or other situations involving public health, safety or welfare. No person shall enter, use or occupy any such closed area.

1.04: Parking, Generally

Parking Areas. Parking areas are for the sole use of motor vehicles parked in conjunction with the intended use of the Recreational facility. Vehicles shall be parked according to the striping pattern, sign, or other means used to delineate the proper places to park

Overnight Parking Prohibited. Unless otherwise authorized by the Board, no person shall stand or park any vehicle in or upon a Recreational facility, and no person shall allow, permit or suffer any vehicle registered in his name to stand or park in or upon a Recreational facility between the hours of 9:00 PM to 6:00AM or other such times as prohibited by posted sign. Such vehicles may be towed from the beach facility at the owner's expense.

Exemptions. Parking rules and regulations shall not apply to vehicles owned by the Town of Freetown.

1.05: Prohibited Conduct

- 1) No person shall build or maintain a fire for any purpose, unless he/she shall have received a written permit from the Board.
- 2) No person shall remove, destroy, or deface any vegetation, sign, poster, building or other property.
- 3) Parking areas are for the sole use of motor vehicles parking in conjunction with the intended use of the facility. The conduct of any other activities in the parking areas is prohibited.
- 4) No person or persons shall camp within the boundary of a Recreational Facility unless he shall have received a written permit from the Board.
- 5) Water-skiing shall not be conducted from or within 300 feet of a beach. The operation of personal watercraft shall not be conducted from any swimming area.
- 6) Unless otherwise authorized by the Board, no fishing activity shall be conducted from or within a 50-foot radius of any swimming area.
- 7) No person shall feed geese or other waterfowl within 200 feet of a beach.
- 8) At no time shall a person place, deposit, leave or dispose of in any manner, any refuse or other material under or upon land or adjacent waters under the control of the Board except in receptacles provided for such purposes. All users are expected to properly dispose of trash. The deposit of sanitary waste is also strictly prohibited.
- 9) A person shall not import onto a Recreational Facility any refuse, material or substance for the purpose of discarding that refuse, material or substance.
- 10) No person shall possess glass or non-returnable metallic containers on any Recreational Facility, except a person may possess a thermos type bottle or jug which, when damaged, will contain all glass splinters within its outer shell.
- 11) The washing of motor vehicles or other equipment is prohibited.
- 12) No person shall carry on any business or commercial calling or trade, sell or otherwise deal in wares or any sort, advertise any such business or commercial calling, hold any public meeting, or conduct any tournament, contest or organized event, operate any concession stand or building, unless he shall have received a written permit from the Board. The posting of any special sign or notice (commercial or otherwise) without the prior approval of the Board is prohibited.
- 13) Storage of boats, equipment or other items on a Recreational Facility shall be prohibited, except with written permission of the Board.
- 14) Disorderly conduct, gambling, use of illegal drugs, obscene or indecent language or behavior is prohibited.
- 15) No person shall be nude while swimming, diving, sunbathing or bathing upon a Recreational Facility.

- 16) No person shall swim, bathe or wade in the waters at a Recreational Facility except during the normal hours of operation of said facility.
- 17) No person shall consume, possess, or dispense alcoholic beverages on Recreational Facilities unless he has received written permission from the Board.
- 18) The closing or gating of any Recreational Facility or any action that prohibits or impedes the ability of the public to use any such facility without the written permission of Board is prohibited.
- 19) No juvenile, under the age of 13 years shall be admitted to any swimming area in a Recreational Facility, unless said juvenile shall be under the direct supervision of a responsible adult, or in the case of organized Red Cross instruction or similar programs when authorized by the Board.
- 20) Swim diapers ("swimmies") shall be used by children that are not toilet trained.
- 21) No person shall operate or use any audio device, including radio, television and musical instruments, and other noise producing devices, such as motors or engines, in such a manner or at such times so as to disturb other persons.
- 22) No person shall operate or use any audio device, musical instruments, public address system, whether fixed, portable or vehicle mounted except with prior written approval of the Board.
- 23) No person, other than a police officer, shall carry on his person or have in his possession a rifle, shotgun or firearm of any type, except with prior written permission of the Board.
- 24) The use or smoking of a cigarette, chewing tobacco, snuff, pipe, or tobacco in any of its forms in or upon a Recreational Facility is prohibited, except in specific areas where the Board has authorized such use.
- 25) No person shall skateboard in or upon a Recreational Facility except in specific areas authorized by the Board.
- 26) No person shall bring a dog, cat or other animal into any Recreational Facility except in areas and under conditions determined by the Board. No dog shall be allowed to enter or remain upon any beach, ball field or playground. Seeing eye dogs accompanying legally blind persons and dogs providing medical support when accompanying the persons whose needs they are trained to meet are allowed on Recreational Facilities.
- 27) No person shall leave an unattended animal upon, or allow an unattended animal to enter a Recreational Facility.
- 28) Violation of the two proceeding regulations may subject the animal(s) to removal by a dog officer, animal control officer or other public official. Any costs incurred in such removal shall be the responsibility of the owner.

1.06: Parking, Long Pond Beach

In addition to all other rules and regulations governing Recreational Facilities, these rules and regulations shall govern the recreational facility at Long Pond, known as the Town beach, located off of Long Pond Road:

- 1) Restricted Places. No person shall stand or park any vehicle in or upon, and no person shall allow, permit or suffer any vehicle registered in his name to stand or park in or upon said recreational facility at Long Pond unless:
 - a. Such vehicle has a valid sticker/vehicle access decal, in such form as prescribed by the Town of Freetown, permanently affixed to said vehicle in a location as prescribed by the Town; and

- b. Such vehicle parks or stands in a designated standing or parking area in obedience to an officer, posted sign or pavement marking, or while making emergency repairs or, if disabled, while making arrangements to immediately move such vehicle.

1.07: Use Permits

- 1) All requests for permits shall be made in writing to the Board. The Board shall respond to all applications in a timely manner.
- 2) The Board may from time to time establish fees, terms and conditions for the issuance of permits and vehicle stickers/access decals.
- 3) When the Board's use and management objectives and policies require provisions for care and security of a Recreational Facility which is being utilized under a permit, the Board may require that a police officer or Town employee familiar with the facility be hired and paid by the permittee. The employee chosen shall be paid directly by the permittee at a rate commensurate with his or her current classification, step and grade.

1.08: Violations

Penalties for violations are set forth under Section 1.07, Violations, of the Article 14 of the Town of Freetown General and Zoning Bylaws governing Recreational Facilities. For parking related violations, a parking ticket may be issued.

1.09: Eviction

- 1) Any person who by his or her actions violates any of the foregoing provisions, interferes with the use and enjoyment of a Recreational Facility by a permittee, or fails to comply with any reasonable request of any duly authorized employee of the Town of Freetown may, in addition to any penalty provided, be evicted forthwith.
- 2) Any person may also be denied admittance to and/or suspended from a Recreational Facility for a period of time to be determined by the Board, for violating any of the foregoing provisions, including failing to comply with any reasonable request of any duly authorized employee of the Town.

1.10: Risk

Persons using a Recreational Facility do so at their own risk.

1.11: Severability

If any provision of these rules and regulations promulgated in accordance with applicable by-laws, or application thereof is held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any provision of the rules and regulations not specifically held to be invalid.

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